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## MORINVILLE TO VOTE ON MILK BY-LAW

### Town Council Holds Regular Meeting

MORINVILLE — A bylaw requiring all dairy products being sold here to be pasteurized before being offered for sale will be submitted to the ratepayers for approval.

### CORN ROAST IS PLANNED

MORINVILLE — Morinville Lions club is sponsoring a corn roast and picnic to be held at the Sandy Lake Beach on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Site of the beach is 17 miles west of Morinville (12 miles east of Onoway).

This will be the third annual event, and residents of the entire district are invited to attend.

The affair will include bingo, softball, baseball, children's races, swimming, and a horseshoe tournament.

There will also be a refreshment booth, and guaranteed fun for the whole family.

### New Jackets For Midget B Champs

MORINVILLE — The Morinville Midget "B" hockey champs, sponsored by the Lions Club, are sporting very colorful jackets donated to them by their sponsors.

Major Soetaert and family are holidaying at the coast. Other visitors there are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Truscott and family. Mr. and Mrs. A. Reid and Sandra have just returned.

The sports day held in Morinville on Saturday was successful. The Softball Cup was won by St. Leon's, who defeated Alcudone in the final game. Cardiff, defeating Bon Accord, won the handball cup. A dance was held in the community hall in the evening.

Jack Conway, who is employed by the Royal Bank, has been transferred to Cardston, Alberta, and left for his new location recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Connick and family are visiting at the home of Mrs. Connick's mother, Mrs. Morissette.

Miss Mariette Trottier has returned from a holiday at Banff and Jasper.

Miss Nona Bori, is wearing a diamond ring. The lucky boy is Yvon Tremblay.

Wedding bells will be ringing for Philip Gibeau sometime in November, so it has been rumored.

Miss Elaine Tait of Edmonton was a week-end visitor of Miss Sheila Reid.

Mr. Walter Ellett, who has been in the hospital since July 1, returned home Tuesday. A speedy recovery is wished him.

A reception was held last Sunday night at the Immaculate Conception for the C.Y.O. members who returned last Saturday from a five-week tour of eastern Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Harding are the proud parents of a nine-pound boy.

Mrs. W. Beck, of Col man, was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. C. MacDonald.

Mr. Denis Lyseng is spending

This was decided at the latest meeting of town council when a motion to this effect by U. Chevalier was carried.

Council will prepare the by-law, and submit it to the ratepayers in the near future.

By-law is being prepared at the request of the Gibeau Bros.

On motion of Peter Gibeault the town will authorize Fire Chief Macdonald to purchase, in the name of the town, two Oxygen Breathing Apparatus, two lanterns and six pairs of rubber boots.

In addition, \$100 will be given to the fire chief to be distributed among the volunteer firemen to cover damages to their clothes suffered during 1950 while fighting fires.

It was moved by Nap. Douziech, and carried, that the old hall piano be sold for the sum of \$65.

On motion of Wilfrid Labonte, a fee of \$1 will be charged for moving permits.

On motion of Mr. Labonte taxes in the amount of \$127.95 re: N. 142 ft. of lot 22, plan VIII excluding the westerly 16 ft. will be cancelled (account No. 140) and that same amount be reinstated on account No. 141 being the W. 16 ft. of the same lot.

On motion of Mr. Douziech Joe St. Laurent was appointed to inspect all buildings intended to be moved in the town and a fee of 10¢ a mile will be paid by the town.

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Request by Mr. Howlett for a few days grace to complete the sale of a used Model scraper was granted, providing machine is not moved from present location.

On the motion of Coun. Hrychnuk, Counsellor Geo. Holmes was elected representative of the Edmonton District Association.

On the motion of Coun. Laskewski, the Council agreed in principle to the proposed Broad Land Use Plan for the Edmonton Metropolitan Area.

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Notice was given that the Imperial Oil Lease on Fr. N.E. 23-54-23-4 has no expiration and will not be renewed.

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MONICA LEWIS acts as if she's got a captive bull frog or maybe "The Thing" inside the basket. Anyway, the candid cameraman snapped her on the wharf one day when she was playing hokey from filming of the new movie, "The Strip".

### Sturgeon to Consider Joining Health Unit

Decision to consider joining the reorganized Sturgeon Health Unit was made at a recent meeting of Sturgeon Municipal Council.

On motion of Councillor M. Hrychnuk council decided to consider joining the unit when plans of the new area and the district's roads are submitted to council.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Walter Ellett Home After Stay In Hospital

MORINVILLE—Walter Ellett is home at Mearns after a stay of several weeks in Edmonton's General hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Truscott have returned from a five weeks holiday at the Pacific coast.

The local CoOp Association is opening a service station on the highway opposite the ball park. It will open about September 15.

Regular meeting of the Morinville Board of Trade was held in the town office Tuesday evening, Aug. 14. Business matters were discussed.

A meeting of the Morinville Lions Club was held in the Alberta hotel on Monday evening, Aug. 13. Member Bill Blinn was speaker for the evening.

Mr. Morty Milner has been ill with a severe summer cold.

Pipe for Morinville's natural gas system are being stored here at Soetaert and Kramer's. Work on installation of the system is expected to start his fall.

### St. Albert Community Fair To Be Held

ST. ALBERT—St. Albert Women's Institute members have completed plans for the community fair to be held in the new school on Wednesday, Aug. 22. Entries in all classes should be in by 10 a.m. After being judged, the entries will be displayed from 1 to 6 p.m.

A ball game between St. Leon and St. Albert teams, races for the smaller children, and tea will be added features.

The following money prizes have been donated:

\$5 for highest number of first prizes, donated by Mrs. C. La De Route.

\$4 for best dining table bouquet of sweet peas (class 4), donated by Mr. A. Pike.

Voucher for best bouquet of mixed garden flowers (class 16), donated by Seed Centre.

\$3 for best collection of six house plants (class 17), donated by Mrs. W. Herron.

\$3 for best collection of mixed vegetables (class 18), donated by Women's Institute.

\$3 for best collection of four vegetables grown and cured for boy or girl under 13 years (class 21), donated by Mrs. E. A. Atkinson.

The Open Hobby display, class 26, is non-competitive, and may include handicrafts, modelling, paintings, stamp collections, model airplanes, etc.

### Notice To All FWUA Members

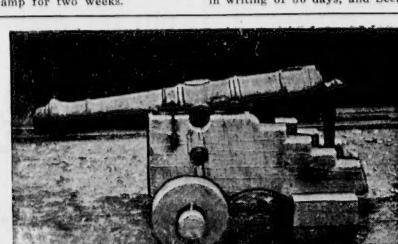
ST. ALBERT—There will be no St. Albert F.W.U.A. meetings during the months of August and September.

there, he purchased a new green Dodge.

Mrs. Blinn's mother, from Idaho, has been visiting here for a few days.

Mayor Soetaert and family have returned from a well-enjoyed visit to the States and Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Chalifoux have taken up new residence.



THE CANNON British troops captured at the battle of Bunker Hill has disappeared from the citadel at Quebec City for the second time in five years. Police believe prankster may have shipped it to U.S., as happened the first time. The 175-year-old relic is valued at \$2,000.

## EDITORIAL PAGE

### Spain, Yes--- Franco, No!

In the hurry to equip Europe with defense against the threat of Red Russian aggression, the United States is making some strange bedfellows in asking for the co-operation of Francisco Franco, Spanish dictator.

Franco is just as fascist in his outlook today as Mussolini was in June, 1941, when he stabbed Spain in the back. To wrest Europe from Hitler and fascist enslavement of 1940 the Western democracies fought and our youth bled and died on the battlefields, in the air and on the sea.

It is strange, therefore, to find the U.S. willing to make a pact with a potential former enemy, one whose form of government we detest. Yet, it is only for military considerations that Spanish bases will be exchanged for American dollars. The idea is that even if Franco is obnoxious to our international sense of propriety, using Spain to defend us against the Russian threat is not.

If Franco would quit his job and let Spain elect a truly democratic government such as was done in Italy after Mussolini was eliminated, a saw-off deal of Spanish military bases for U.S. dollars would be mighty palatable to the Western taste.

### Saturday Bank Closing

The Chartered Banks, and Treasury Branches in Alberta, are rendering the same highly efficient service today that they were doing ten years ago. But whereas other businesses charge more for their services, the Banks still get only 15c exchange on a check and charge no higher rates of interest on most loans. Nevertheless, Bank expenses have gone up and with the introduction of the five-day work week for employees will be paid with higher wage expenses unless they can operate on only the five-day business week.

To do this they must get the permission of Parliament. We hope that this will not be denied them. Banks and Treasury Branches are now open only two hours on Saturdays anyway and the business done in these two hours can easily be handled in the other five days of the week.

### The Region Needs Religion

The news from Hongkong, China, is that large groups of Protestant missionaries have applied to the authorities in Red China for permission to leave the country due to the fact that American property has been seized, bank deposits frozen and there is an increasingly hostile attitude toward Western missionaries in general.

We think the missionaries are showing good sense but, at the same time, we doubt that there is an area in the world more in need of the principles that the missionaries represent.

### Note and Comment

Bread reigned supreme over the ancient world. The Egyptians based their entire administrative system upon it. The Jews gave it a prime place in the religious laws and ceremonies. The Romans conquered and ruled the world by it. And very special significance was brought to it by One who said: "I am the bread of life."

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When the average factory worker in the United States eats his breakfast before his eight-hour shift it will take him only 9 minutes and 45 seconds to pay for it—2 slices of toast, 2 slices of bacon, a potato, 2 eggs and a glass of milk. His father in 1914 had to spend 32 minutes and 48 seconds at the factory to secure the same hearty meal.

While figures for Canada are not available, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture points out that this statement applies equally in Canada as in the United States.

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Ronald Levang of the Edberg district narrowly escaped serious injury last week when the tractor he was driving overturned, coming to rest with all four wheels in the air. He managed to jump to safety and received only minor bruises.

Many farmers, however, are not so fortunate, and during the last two weeks of July at least four deaths occurred in tractor accidents in Alberta.

### Left of Right

By JACK SCOTT

A reader finds the occasional political comment in this space baffling. "You call yourself a capitalist and often write like a Communist," he says. "Whose side are you on, anyway?"

There's a warm invitation these days to be on neither side; to merely sit, wary and alert, on the fence, shouting encouragement or scorn as the evidence presents itself. As a columnist that's the perch I try to maintain.

Whatever we believe in, we'll function as capitalists. Good or bad, that is the system under which we live.

Essentially, I am for the capitalist system. I survive pleasantly under it. I like the challenges it presents to me personally and the rewards when I meet them. I like the freedom it gives me as an individual. For the lucky or successful individual, it is the best of all systems. If it continues it will be a good system for it will have to be a good system to continue.

Those of us who are capitalists and believe in its future fall into two camps. There are radical capitalists and there are conservative capitalists. They are called by many other names. These seem to me the most accurate.

Conservative capitalists take this view: We say the capitalist system must be a good one or it will blow away as it has been all over the globe. We want to play it safe, selfishly perhaps, because we're prospering under it.

We say this: If people live in slums and poverty the system isn't working and, so, is threatened. So let's play it safe. Clean up the slums. Guarantee a decent level of security. If equality of opportunity is only a politician's promise or an industrialist's dream, then make it a reality. If we don't, sooner or later the system goes.

The conservative capitalist says this: Make decent living a hard fact for everyone, not just a possibility. Put in controls, if necessary. Tax us to the hilt, if necessary. Wipe out the uncertain charter. Make the care of the sick and destitute as much a government responsibility as building roads.

The conservative capitalist says make democracy something with a practical meaning. Give all capitalist's opponents, even the wildest, the right to speak. Never, never "ban" a man for his political views.

**When you do you weaken the system. Never deny the vote to a man or woman because of race or color. For then you make an enemy and capitalism, too, needs stout friends.**

The conservative capitalist is in the curious position of having no voice representing him. The nearest thing to his credo is Socialism, for which he votes. But in many cases that is not what he wants at all. It merely happens to be the closest compromise to a workable capitalism.

This conservative capitalist does not fear the Communist. He fears the radical capitalist.

**The radical capitalist fights any taxes or controls. He uses his wealth and power to suppress opposing voices. He believes in the law of supply and demand, in "letting prices find their own levels" though that may mean less milk on a family's table. He tolerates slums and poverty. He keeps down minority groups as threats to his own economic fortunes. He praises the nobility of charity to dodge his own responsibilities, lives in luxury while others live in squalor, preaches "equality" and lives segregation.**

He little dreams of the revolt behind the placid faces of the men and women he sees on the street. He little dreams that his whole world can come tumbling down as it did in France or England or China. Like all radicals, he has a one-track mind.

And so we conservative capitalists fear him, as we fear all fools. We try to point out that he is a slow suicide, but he is too comfortable to listen well to advice.

### Freight Rate Award

(From Winnipeg Free Press)

In awarding the railways a 12 per cent increase in freight rates, the Board of Railway Commissioners has largely ignored a number of factors that should have been basic to any rate-making procedure. In neglecting to give these any proper amount of consideration, the board has, as in the past, brought in a verdict that is at once a reflection on its own capacity for its job and a serious gesture of discrimination against the prairie provinces.

This discrimination arises from the fact that the increase is permissive not mandatory and the railways will feel free to apply it fully only in sections of Canada where there is no effective water and truck competition. In the east and in British Columbia such competition exists and as a result the railway rates there are kept to a competitive level. But in the prairie provinces no such protection exists and rates in the prairie provinces have consistently been higher than the eastern rates, although it has been clearly shown that railway operations in the west are far more profitable than they are in the east.

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#### WANTS EXPLANATION

Dear Sir—The curt refusal of Prime Minister St. Laurent to entertain the request of Carl E. Berg, Edmonton labor leader, for relief from the high cost of living is not compatible with the obligations of his high office.

Mr. St. Laurent was not only curt, but rude in turning down Mr. Berg's request for government action to combat the ever rising cost of living.

Edmonton. A. G. L.

#### CIVIL DEFENCE

Dear Sir—This whole business about civil defence is very mysterious. The government tells us we'd better get to work and organize a civil defence set-up. So we try to get started and what happens? None are there. The government leader makes a sensational statement about how awful the next war would be (which we all know) and then goes back to his political fence-making, leaving us standing without leadership. Redwater. OIL WORKER.

TOM POULSON.

milk from a farmer just outside town, it really doesn't affect me personally. But if the milk companies want to save money, why not eliminate duplicated delivery? In any city you can see half a dozen milk wagons serving the same block each morning. Now they say those wagons should only go out every other day, instead of organizing a system whereby one could service the district each day.

Crossfield. CLERK.

#### MISSES EXPLAINER

Dear Sir—I enjoy reading your paper very much, and miss it greatly when it does not arrive. During the past two weeks I have not received my paper, due no doubt to an oversight. Please check on this and send me the missing issues.

MRS. WILLENA CUNNINGHAM.  
R.R. NO. 1,  
Hammond, B.C.

#### FARM BLOC OR BLOCK

Dear Sir—at the recent farmer's meeting in Regina Jimmy Gardiner stated: "The Canadian Federation of Agriculture is the Farm Block Prairie Farmers." This is wrong. He should have said it is the "Block"—it is the roadblock to world wheat markets. The world price of wheat is even now 4¢ bushel ahead of what we're getting. Our domestic wheat price just blocks us like a barricade. How about a farmer's protest meeting in Edmonton, Peace River and Grande Prairie to blast this barricade?

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## ALBERTA



FIRST HARVESTING in Alberta has already been reported, and the wheat sheaves depicted here will soon become a common sight throughout the province. How common a sight will pretty girls in the fields become is another question.

## Gov't Takes Steps To Combat Teacher Shortage

The Department of Education is helping to correct the teacher shortage, and at the same time is helping students to graduate as teachers, through financial assistance in the form of bursaries or the payment of tuition and medical fees.

Government assistance to teachers in training at the Faculty of Education began in 1946 when the Province began paying medical

fees for the one-year teachers' course. During 1946-47, 233 students accepted this assistance.

In 1947 the Province sponsored a system of scholarships providing 200 scholarships for \$200 each. These scholarships were continued until 1949 when bursaries were awarded by the Province.

The bursaries are of two kinds: a provincial bursary of \$200; or a bursary of \$300, provided jointly by the government and the school boards or divisions. There was no limit set on the number of bursaries but the total provincial appropriation was limited to \$150,000. Prospective student-teachers could apply for either of the bursaries but not both.

During 1949, 307 \$300-bursaries were awarded by 50 school divisions and six school districts. Government bursaries totalled 119. In addition, the Province paid tuition and medical fees for 449 students. The cost of the shared bursaries was divided equally between the Province and the school divisions and districts, each party's share amounting to \$46,050. The Province, in addition, paid out \$23,860 in provincial bursaries

## Dreaded Newcastle Disease Spreading As Alberta Poultry Flocks Threatened

A strange disease that has been raging through Canadian poultry flocks has left Alberta comparatively free of the disease, but farmers are warned to be on the lookout here.

### NEW COUNTRY CLUB FORMED

A group of young Edmonton business men have completed arrangements to form the Hillcrest Country Club. The club will promote badminton, skating, skiing, and swimming in the winter and boating, riding and fishing in the summer.

The club has made arrangements to buy one of the most beautiful sights in the vicinity of the city. The property consists of 22 acres fronting the North Saskatchewan River, and includes a scenic ravine and stream. The location of the property is presently owned by Mr. Francis John Foley, is in the west end of the city, having as boundaries 156 St. on the east, the Country Club Road on the north, a registered road on the west and Munson's farm on the south.

The immediate plans are for the construction of a club house with a lounge, dining room, and dance floor and the construction of several badminton courts. The next major objective will be to construct an indoor swimming pool.

The Hillcrest Country Club has provided acreage for facilities for the erection of skating arena and riding stables.

The original directors of this club are A. K. Miller, D. M. Corrie, J. E. McDonough, M. McBride, and G. J. Hayward.

### Vehicle Testing Program Underway

Alberta's first province-wide vehicle testing program now is underway.

Service stations and garages who applied as official testing stations have received the necessary forms and stickers and have commenced the program for testing the more than 150,000 cars and motorcycles in Alberta.

"We've had excellent response and co-operation from the automotive industry," said E. R. Hughes, Deputy Provincial Secretary. "Within the first week of the program we received 470 applications from garages and service stations in all parts of Alberta to act as official testing stations."

Most Alberta garages likely will act as testing stations, representing all major towns and cities, and many smaller points.

and \$59,971 in tuition fees, making a total government expenditure of \$129,821, much less than the appropriation for this purpose.

The highly infectious Newcastle disease has been spreading rapidly, particularly in British Columbia.

The disease, for which there is no known cure, attacks poultry flocks and the deadly virus is fatal to the birds. Chicken which contract the disease develop strange symptoms, lose coordination of their body muscles, and usually drop dead within a few days.

### WARNERS FARMERS

Mr. Jake Supperstein, of Edmonton Produce, warned Alberta farmers to be on guard against the dreaded scourge to poultry.

Flocks in all three prairie provinces have been hit. First Alberta cases in the current outbreak were reported in Edmonton in June. Manitoba and Saskatchewan announced outbreaks earlier in the month.

Summer fairs and exhibitions in Saskatchewan and Manitoba cancelled poultry shows this summer to curb spread of the deadly virus infection.

Extent of the spread in Alberta and Saskatchewan is not yet known. Definitely diagnosed cases have been reported in only isolated areas, but other flocks have been quarantined under suspicion.

In Manitoba, government officials described the outbreak as serious and widespread but not yet of epidemic proportions.

Newcastle disease is comparatively new to Canada having made its appearance about three years ago in B.C. Thousands of birds were slaughtered before the disease was finally brought under control in that province and areas where the disease was rampant were placed under quarantine.

### HARVESTING STARTED

Julius D'Hulster began cutting 35 acres of barley seven miles from Edmonton Friday. He is the first farmer in the Edmonton area to start the harvest.

The barley was seeded early this spring on fall plowing.

"It looks as if it will run 45 bushels to the acre," Mr. D'Hulster said. "This is the earliest I've ever cut."

He expects to begin harvesting wheat in three weeks.

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"MIRACULOUS" cures by the healing touch of Sister Ann Felicite, of the Order of Grey Nuns at Ste. Marguerite, Que., are attested to by many, including ten-year-old Rheal Bertheaume, of Marieville, Que., who was hopelessly paralyzed by arthritis from birth, and is now able to walk. Hundreds flocked to the little Quebec town in search of cures.

## Will Abolish Border If North America A-Bombed

OTTAWA—(BUP)—The way was cleared this week to remove border restrictions along the 3,500-mile U.S.-Canadian border in the event of an atomic attack on North American cities.

The top civil defence officials of the two countries agreed at a three-hour meeting here on the final details of a plan to lift customs and immigration restrictions to allow civil defence co-operation in border areas.

Millard Caldwell, U.S. Federal Civil Defence Administrator, and Paul Martin, Canadian Health and Welfare Minister, jointly announced the agreement.

The details of their discussions were not revealed, but Caldwell told a press conference that "the way is now open for more practical agreements on measures of civil defence co-operation."

For the purposes of civil de-

fence, he said, the border could be "wiped out if need be."

Canadian provinces and states south of the border, would be free to set up co-operative defence organizations, he said.

Caldwell and Martin said the provinces and states could now be assured that they could exchange fire fighting equipment, hospital units, ambulances and personnel freely in case of attack or disaster in border areas.

"All the impediment can be relegated to the sidelines on short notice," Caldwell said.

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## High Living Costs Breed Storm of Protest

A storm of protest has risen in Edmonton and across the country following announcement the cost of living has again soared upward.

Last week's 3.5 boost sends the living index sky-rocketing to 187.6—the highest on record.

Saturday Prime Minister St. Laurent vetoed a request from an Edmonton labor leader for a special session of the House of Commons to deal with inflation and discuss price controls.

Canada's cost-of-living index has now surpassed the level of United States living costs.

Social Credit leader Solon Low urged Canadians to go on a buyers' strike to halt the rising cost of living.

"The cost of living has now become intolerable for the average Canadian family," he said. "Canadians should take matters into their own hands and buy only what they absolutely need to get along."

CCF Leader M. J. Coldwell blamed the federal government for the 3.5 rise in the living cost index.

He and Percy Bengough, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, were quoted in Ottawa as saying the boost would bring new wage demands from labor.

In Edmonton Carl E. Berg, vice-president of the TLC, asked Prime Minister St. Laurent to cancel his tour last weekend of northern Alberta to return to Ottawa for a special session of parliament.

A spokesman for the prime minister turned down the request, saying that the government was contemplating new moves to curb

ago advised that cost of living rises had been arrested... and would go on a downward trend."

A similar demand for price controls was made in Ottawa by the Canadian Congress of Labor in a statement asserting that Canadian workers were worse off today than they were eight months ago despite the fact they now are getting more pay.

Outlook for relief from rising costs seemed meagre this week, as new price hikes for dairy products, other foodstuffs, clothing and utilities was predicted here.



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## Farm Union Executive Holds Four-Day Meet

By HENRY YOUNG

The meeting of the F.U.A. Central Board, which was held in Edmonton July 31st to August 3rd, was both interesting and important.

One interesting feature of this board meeting was the return of two former presidents to the board in the persons of James Jackson and Carl Stimple, both of whom are now directors.

Of course, at a meeting like this considerable time is spent in receiving and considering reports on the affairs of the F.U.A. during the months since the last board meeting. This is the duty of our board and it takes time to do a job on it. Then there is the responsibility of laying down policy for the president and executive to carry out. These two functions can keep a board very busy for several days at a mid-season meeting and they certainly were busy at this meeting.

Probably the most important action of the board meeting was membership drive immediately after harvest this fall. The actual date at which this commences will be set later and may vary in some districts according to harvest conditions.

In this membership drive the main objective will be to canvas for membership rather than hold meetings. That can come later. The object will be to arrange for a complete canvass of every township of settled land in Alberta.

Information and material for the drive will be issued from Central Office later. In the year to come, membership will be of prime importance. It will mean

success or impotence to the F.U.A.

Another important job done by the board was the adoption of a F.U.A. Program. This is based upon the decisions of the three annual conventions of the F.U.A. Such a program gives something definite as to what the union stands for and should be of considerable assistance in getting membership.

Considerable time of the board meeting was taken in making arrangements for the next annual convention. This will be in Calgary, December 10th to 14th next. Principal speakers asked for will be J. L. Phelos, president, Saskatchewan Farmers' Union, Hon. J. G. Gardner and Hon. David Ure, also Hon. Mr. Bowman, the B.C. Minister of Agriculture.

The question of publicity for the F.U.A. was considered at some length. Several applications for the job of publicity agent for the union were discussed. It was decided however that no appointment should be made at present.

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between the F.U.A. and other Western Farm Unions was reviewed at some length. It was agreed that any move to this end would have to come through the Annual Conventions.

A full report on the Regina Conference was given by various members of the executive who had been present. The Brief which had been presented to the Federal Ministers was considered and approved with the exception of the section dealing with Wartime Co-operation.

On the question of Producer Marketing boards, a committee was appointed to gather information and put it in a form understandable to the public. In addition the board decided to make every effort to further the setting up of such boards as soon as feasible.

On the question of Coarse Grain Marketing, the board, by a unanimous vote, declared itself in favor of the present method of marketing through the Wheat Board.

Replies from the Provincial Government to last years resolutions on Provincial matters were received and discussed.

Two Constitutional Amendments intended for the next annual convention were passed by

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the board, though by no means unanimously. These were first, to change the membership year to a basis of 12 months from date of payment and second, to have the Executive elected by and from the Board of Directors.

The question of farm labor was discussed at some length and a committee composed of Messrs. Armstrong, Lembiex and Hawley was set up. Each of these to act as a contact man in their own districts of Calgary, Red Deer and Peace River respectively. Central Office will act for Edmonton.

A report on the Junior Conference was given by the Junior President, Bruce Ellis, and considerable discussion followed. The board also gave support to the coming Rural Leadership Course at Banff next October and authorized Mr. Mowat to attend if possible.

The question of membership fees and a family membership system was discussed at length, but nothing satisfactory was evolved and it was finally decided

to refer the whole matter back to the committee for further study. The question will again come before the board at their pre-convention meeting.

An interim financial statement covering the nine months ending July 31st, was presented to the board for their consideration. This statement showed that very careful management for the remaining three months of our fiscal year will be necessary in order to make it possible to present a balanced budget for 1951.

A report on the Sand & Gravel Case was given to the meeting. This case will be heard in Edmonton during September.

After four busy days the board meeting ended about 6:30 on August 3rd with all outstanding business completed.

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## VIMY NEWS BRIEFS

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Dr. and Mrs. Piche and their family from McLennan were spending their holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Landry.

Mrs. Francois Landry toured the north of Alberta including Yellowknife.

Mrs. Aline Fortier visited Mr. and Mrs. St. Arnaud and Father lately.

In Westlock Hospital lately were Mrs. L. Fagnan and Ray Johnson. We wish them speedy recovery.

Stella Gorecki returned from Sacramento. She has been holidaying there since this winter. Stella returned with her sister, Mrs. Hayes and her son Bobby.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gouin have moved to Edmonton lately. Their home here has been damaged by fire.

Miss Rita Lachapelle, ward's aid at the Westlock Hospital, spent a week end at Mr. and Mrs. Nap Carriere's.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stack, Bernadette Landry, Francoise Landry were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. F. Landry's.

## Doctor Speaks About Mental Health

ALCOMDALE—Dr. H. Siemans of the Edmonton Health Unit, was guest speaker at the August meeting of the Independence W.L., giving an informative talk on Mental Health cases in his recent experience. Mrs. E. Benson reported on Farm Women's Week at Vermillion. Mrs. D. Whitton and Mrs. B. Mills were hostesses.

The Community League held its August meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Whitton. The financial report of the picnic was very satisfactory. The hall floor will be cleaned and waxed very soon. The moving pictures will start at 8:00 p.m. on August 21.

Mr. and Mrs. George Myers have returned from a motor trip to Banff, visiting friends on the way home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrington and family enjoyed a motor trip to Jasper where they spent the long week end.

Miss Verna Meyers has returned to the coast after a two week visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Mr. Desmond Sutton is in an Edmonton hospital.

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## BUSY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Weidrick attended the wedding of Mr. J. Kyle, brother of Mrs. Weidrick, which was held in Edmonton at Norwood Church.

Misses F. Elliott, D. Wood and L. Scholl, all of Edmonton, spent the long week end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Mack and Murray motored to New Sarepta and brought back two of Mrs. Mack's sisters for a few days.

Mayne McMillan spent some of his school holidays on the farm of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. Nicol.

Mr. Ramsell is spending a short holiday visiting friends and relatives in Saskatchewan. He left by car with his son, who was here on holiday from British Columbia.

Mr. Nixon, teacher of grades 5, 6 and 7, has accepted the position

of vice-principal in the Westlock school. The teacher to replace him here is Mr. Krause of Vermillion.

Grade nine students had smiling faces when they received their report cards.

Relatives of Mr. Oldenburg from Leduc spent the last week here.

Mr. O. Fedorowich was a patient in an Edmonton hospital suffering a kidney ailment.

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